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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: METHOD AND MATERIALS FOR INTROGRESSION OF NOVEL GENETIC VARIATION IN MAIZE

Application No. 10/614,255

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION REGARDING ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS AND AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

Dear Examiner Robinson:

Response to Office Action Regarding Election/Restrictions

This is in response to the official action dated 17 February, 2005, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Invention I, namely claims 1 and 7, and Invention II, namely claims 2-6 and 8-12.

The applicant hereby provisionally elects without traverse restriction to Group II, which is claims 2-6 and 8-12 drawn to a plant and plant materials containing one or more specified novel restriction fragments.

Amendment to Claims

Please cancel claims 1 and 7.

Please make the following amendments to the claims 2-6 and 8-12. Please add new claims 13-15 as set forth below.